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SUBJECT: LAO REFUGEES

1. ORM HAS RECEIVED COMPLAINTS FROM VOLAGS AND SPONSORS ABOUT DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN HEALTH STATUS OF ARRIVING LAO REFUGEES AND STATUS REPORTED ON THEIR HEALTH RECORDS. INVARIABLY, IT APPEARS THE HEALTH RECORDS THE REFUGEES CARRY SAY "HEALTH GOOD".

2. RECENTLY A 20 YEAR OLD MALE ARRIVED WITH AN ACTIVE CASE OF SYPHILIS. THERE ALSO ARE REPORTS OF REFUGEES ARRIVING WITH TUBERCULOSIS, EPILEPSY, SERIOUS DENTAL PROBLEMS, ETC.

3. POST SHOULD TELL MEDICAL EXAMINING UNITS TO REPORT HEALTH STATUS OF REFUGEES ACCURATELY SO THEY CAN RECEIVE TREATMENT, IF NECESSARY, WHEN THEY ARRIVE IN US. SISCO

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